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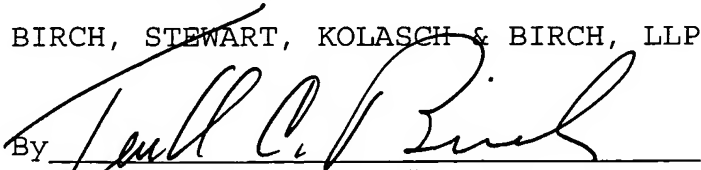
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<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>3</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of <u>6</u> sheets.</p>	
<p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <p>I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report</p> <p>II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority</p> <p>III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability</p> <p>IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention</p> <p>V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</p> <p>VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited</p> <p>VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application</p> <p>VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application</p>	

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International application No.

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☐ the international application as originally filed
- ☒ the description:
 pages _____ 1-3, 6-15 _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____ 4-5 _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☒ the claims:
 pages _____ 3, 6 _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____ 2, 4-5 _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☒ the drawings:
 pages _____ 1-2, 4-10 _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____ 3 _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
 pages _____, as originally filed
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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
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- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☒ the claims, Nos. _____ 1 _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

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** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	2-6	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	2-6	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	2-6	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Document 1: JP, 64-10299, A (Mitsubishi Electric Corp.), 13 January, 1989 (13.01.89), page 2, upper right column, line 7 to page 4, upper left column, line 10, Figs. 1-6 (Family: none)

Document 2: JP, 4-318516, A (Casio Computer Co., Ltd.), 10 November, 1992 (10.11.92), paragraphs [0010]-[0019], Figs. 1 and 2 (Family: none)

Document 3: JP, 4-288589, A (Toshiba Corp.), 13 October, 1992, paragraphs [0018]-[0020], Figs. 1 and 2 (Family: none)

Document 4: JP, 7-20828, A (Toshiba Corp.), 24 January, 1995, paragraphs [0014]-[0017], Figs. 5 and 6, & US, 5528257, A

Claims 2-4

The invention shown in document 1 does not clearly describe how the state of liquid crystals in a frame following the current one is predicted; however, in view of the common technical knowledge, it would be technically obvious that it is determined according to the combination of gradation transitions before and after one vertical display period because it could not be predicted according to other combinations. Document 1 does not clearly describe a means of the prediction; however, for the constitutions to obtain the desired output value by using the combination of gradation transitions before and after one vertical display period, a constitution wherein table memory is searched or a constitution wherein a function is used is well known, e.g., as shown in documents 2-4. Accordingly, there would be no particular difficulty in adopting a well-known constitution as mentioned above to obtain predicted values of gradation transitions in the invention described in document 1, and so conceiving of the constitution of the subject matters of the above claims. The subject matters of the above claims therefore do not appear to involve an inventive step.

Claims 5 and 6

It is well-known common technical knowledge, for example, as shown in document 2, that the response characteristics of liquid crystals are dependent on temperature. In the relevant technical field, the technical issues involved in improving the display quality are well known. Accordingly, there would be no particular difficulty involved in conceiving of a constitution wherein corrections are made with the temperature-dependence of liquid crystals taken into consideration to improve the display quality in the invention described in document 1. It would be technically obvious that such temperature dependence should be taken into consideration in the constitution to obtain predicted values and output values in the invention described in document 1.